Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 09 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 10 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 08 Dec 2021 at 16:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general developments until Sunday. Medium for cloud details.

Headline for Thursday 09 Dec 2021: Bright spells at first. Afternoon and evening snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 09 Dec 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	40%	40%	20%	40%	70%	60%

Forecast for Thursday 09 Dec 2021

Weather: Mainly dry with some clear spells overnight, but wintry showers by dawn. Early wintry showers dying out to leave much of daylight hours dry with some bright spells. However, snow and low level rain around Skye and Knoydart from mid-afternoon, affecting the rest of the area around dusk. Rain mainly below 600m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 70% around the middle of the day, falling 30% or less around dusk.

Visibility: Mainly good or very good during daylight hours, occasionally poor in snow. Becoming poor or very poor at height around dusk. Extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m lifting and clearing for a time around midday. Cloud becoming extensive, base 600m, around dusk.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/16 NW	15/19 W	14/18 SW	16/21 SW	20/26 SW	27/35 S	28/37 SW	29/39 W	27/37 W
900	11/14 NW	14/18 W	14/18 SW	15/20 SW	19/25 SW	25/33 S	26/35 SW	27/37 W	26/36 W
600	5/8 NW	8/12 W	9/13 SW	10/15 SW	12/19 S	16/23 S	18/27 SW	19/30 W	18/28 W
300	3/11 N	3/12 W	3/13 SW	3/13 SW	4/16 S	6/22 S	9/27 SW	9/28 W	9/27 W
Glen	4/9 N	2/5 NW	2/6 SE	4/10 SW	6/15 S	11/24 S	12/24 SW	14/26 W	12/23 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-7	-2/-8	-1/-7	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-3/-12	-3/-12
900	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-9	-1/-9	-2/-10	-3/-11
600	0/-2	1/-3	1/-2	1/-3	1/-3	0/-5	1/-5	-0/-7	-1/-7
300	1/-0	2/-0	2/0	2/0	3/1	2/-0	2/-1	2/-2	1/-2
Glen	4/2	4/3	4/3	5/3	6/4	5/2	5/2	5/0	4/0
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	900m	900m	700m	600m	700m	600m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Friday 10 Dec 2021
Weather: Mostly cloudy with snow showers and a few drier and brighter spells. Most of the snow showers dying out in the evening with clear spells. Showers mainly of rain below 600m.

Maximum wind: West or Northwest 20 to 25 gusts 35mph with a significant wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Very good, but poor or very poor in snow showers. Occasional or extensive cloud, mainly around the summits, but lower in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 600m

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